

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARATHON GOVERNMENT CENTER
MONROE COUNTY, FL
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009
9:30 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:55 a.m.

COMMISSION:

Cecil Bain	Present
Bill Daniels, Jr.	Absent
Bruce Ferraro	Absent
Jerry Gaddis	Absent
Morgan Hill	Present
Ron Miller	Present
Ken Naylor	Present
Sherry Phillips	Absent
Mary Rice	Absent
Ed Swift	Present
Randy Wall	Present
Sylvia Murphy, BOCC Liaison Member	Present

STAFF:

Susan Grimsley, Assistant County Attorney	Present
Mitch Harvey, Comprehensive Planning Manager	Present
Andrew Trivette, Division Director, Growth Management	Absent
Michelle Lee, Recording Secretary	Present

Commissioner Murphy opened the meeting.

1. Approval of AHAC Minutes for 5/13/09 meeting. Motion to approve was made by Cecil Bain and seconded by Ron Miller. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Elect Chairman - Vote was taken by written ballot, identifying each voter. Bruce Ferraro received five votes and Randy Wall received one. Bruce Ferraro (absent) was elected Chairman and Ron Miller was elected Vice-Chair, by unanimous vote. The Vice-Chair conducted the meeting.
3. Presentation was made by John Dolan-Heitlinger (previous committee member) regarding the history, accomplishments and ongoing challenges of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (presentation attached).
4. Presentation was made by Ken Naylor regarding State subsidy utilization (presentation attached).
5. A report on past AHAC member activities as received from former coordinator Lisa Tennyson was presented by Susan Grimsley (report attached). Susan also pointed out, and asked the members to review, Jim Saunders' letter to the current AHAC committee members (attached).

Ed Swift moved that the committee request the BOCC send a message asking for funds to be released from the Sadowski Fund for affordable housing, as well as, down payment assistance for affordable housing - Morgan Hill seconded. The committee unanimously agreed. Motion passed.

Ed Swift moved to have the County Administrator allow Lisa Tennyson to attend the next meeting to brief us on past AHAC items, Morgan Hill seconded. The committee unanimously agreed. Motioned passed.

Morgan Hill moved that the committee ask the BOCC to allow the committee to have quarterly meetings, Ed Swift seconded. The committee unanimously agreed. Motion passed. Susan Grimsley will prepare an Agenda item to take to the BOCC for discussion and approval.

6. Invitation for past AHAC members to speak. Donna Windle spoke to the committee about how to best tackle our challenges to affordable housing, and gave an overview of the current real estate market.

Ed Swift made a motion that October 15th be kept on the AHAC meeting calendar, as our potential next meeting date and Morgan Hill seconded. The committee unanimously agreed.

Ed Swift urged the committee members to write the Commissioners asking for an increase in AHAC meeting frequency to quarterly, and also asked that everyone try to attend the BOCC meeting where the agenda item requesting four meetings per year will be heard (August 19th, Key Largo).

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.